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For: BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE)
SUBSTANCE TRANSFER)
SHEET, CELL CULTURE KIT)
CONSTITUTED OF CELL)
CULTURE PLATE AND)
BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE)
SUBSTANCE TRANSFER)
SHEET, PRODUCING METHOD)
THEREOF AND METHOD FOR)
SCREENING CELL CULTURE)
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Japan 2003-504011 is believed to be in the same patent family as WO 99/32663 and U.S. Patent No. 6,232,066. Japan 2000-508528 is believed to be in the same patent family as WO 97/36681, Europe 0 889 751, and U.S. Patent No. 6,124,138. Japan 2002-355025 is believed to be in the same patent family as Europe 1 248 108 and U.S. Publication No. 2002/0177221. Japan 2002-355026 is believed to be in the same patent family as Europe 1 253 196 and U.S. Publication No. 2002/0182721.

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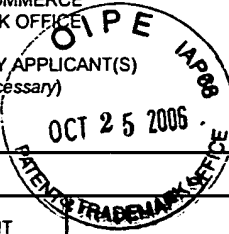
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